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1. EMBOFF MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL A ON MAY 16 TO
EXTAFF LEGAL OPERATIONS DIISION OFFICIAL (LEGER) WHO
RESPONDED THAT GOC WAS "VERY PLEASED" TO LEARN THAT U.S.
WOULD NOT INSIST ON PLACING TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM ON IWC
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AGENDA BUT WOULD SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT. LEGER STATED

HE REALIZED THIS WAS SIGNIFICANT U.S. COMPROMISE IN FACE OF STRONG DOMESTIC OBJECTIONS OF THE TYPE WHICH THE GOC IS ALSO FACING IN CANADA. FOR THIS REASON, LEGER DECLARED THAT U.S. COULD COUNT ON CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR STRONG INTERPRETATION OF AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT AND DEFENSE OF LA JALLA REPORT SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS WHICH HE SAID SOME GOVERNMENTS ARE CHARACTERIZING AS HAVING BEEN "RIGGED" BY U.S. LEGER ALSO AGREED COMPLETELY THAT IWC MUST PROVE THIS YEAR THAT IT IS A VIABLE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION. HE ADDED THAT IF JUNE MEETING RESULTED IN A "WEAK" AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT INTERPRETATION, CANADA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE STRONG OBJECTING STATEMENT, AS HE ASSUMES U.S. WOULD ALSO.

2. LEGER PROMISED TO PASS INFORMATION PROVIDED IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF TO CANADIAN COMMISSIONER MARTIN AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY.

3. DR. MARTIN IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN LONDON AT 2250 ON JUNE 15 AND HAS RESERVATIONS AT THE ST. ERMIN HOTEL. HE IS EXPECTED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. MITCHELL (SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR) AND BOB APPLEBAUM (LEGAL POLICY ADVISOR). LEGER STATED THAT CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. DELEGATION PRIOR TO AND DURING THE IWC MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THAT FOR PURPOSES OF ARRANGING CONSULTATION AND TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS REQUESTS BE CHANNLED THROUGH MR. MAWHINNEY, LEGAL OFFICER AT THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON. MAWHINNERY, HE SAID, HAS SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS LIAISON IN LONDON WITH THE IWC. PORTER

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